GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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URBAN EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects relating to urban employment pending with the Union Government, State-wise ;

(b) the date since when these projects are pending; and

(c) the present status of the projects alongwith the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(c): Under employment oriented urban poverty alleviation Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), which is being implemented by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation on all India basis through States/Union Territory

(UT) Governments, Central funds are released to the States/UTs for implementation of the Scheme. SJSRY strives to provide self-employment to the urban poor living below the poverty line by setting up of micro-enterprises and also through provision of wage-employment by utilizing the labour of urban poor in construction of useful public assets. Under SJSRY, at the beginning of the financial year, the Central funds are tentatively allocated to the States/UTs in proportion to the incidence of urban poverty in the States/UTs and thereafter these funds are released to the States/UTs, in instalments, on the basis of receipt of Utilization Certificates for the past Central releases and also the contribution of matching State shares for the past releases. Additional funds, over and above the tentative allocations, are also released to the States/UTs on their request keeping in view the physical and financial progress of the Scheme in the State/UT and also the availability of funds. Under SJSRY, proposals for urban employment, as such, are not received from the States/UTs and only demands for additional funds, if required, are received, hence the question of pendency of projects relating to urban employment does not arise.